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**MEMBER OF REMINGTON MOB DRUG GANG SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS FOR
CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE COCAINE AND ARSON**

Baltimore, Maryland - U.S. District Judge Andre M. Davis sentenced Eric Robinson, age 27, of Baltimore, today to 12 years in prison followed by five years of supervised release for conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute cocaine and crack cocaine and for arson, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein. Judge Davis also ordered Robinson to pay restitution of \$174,666.51.

According to his guilty plea, from January 1992 through April, 2005, Robinson was a member of a drug organization called the Remington Mob, which distributed cocaine and crack cocaine in the Remington area of Baltimore. The organization had in excess of a dozen persons working together to distribute the cocaine and cocaine base. The members, including Robinson, would travel to source locations such as New Jersey and New York to obtain kilogram quantities of cocaine and heroin, which would be cut, or diluted with adulterants, for street sale. Members of the Remington Mob would also "cook" the cocaine powder into cocaine base or "crack" form and package and sell the cocaine base on the streets of Remington and other adjacent neighborhoods. Robinson acknowledges that he also oversaw the sale of the drugs and collection of the money. Firearms were regularly available to the Remington Mob to protect the drug sales and enforce any disputes with rival drug trafficking groups. Those firearms included handguns and shotguns as well as semi-automatic rifles during this time period. Robinson admits that he was responsible for the distribution of more than five kilograms of cocaine, more than fifty grams of crack cocaine and more than one kilogram of heroin.

On April 22, 2005, Robinson and two co-defendants traveled to a residence in the 8100 block of Callo Lane in Baltimore and set the residence on fire. The arson was in retaliation for the theft of a kilogram of cocaine from the apartment of Christopher Harryman, a member of the Remington Mob. Robinson and his co-conspirators believed the residents of the Callo Lane home had committed the robbery. Harryman brought the cocaine from New York to Baltimore prior to April 22nd, and was storing it in his apartment until it was needed for sale by the Remington Mob. A few days prior to April 22, 2005, the kilogram of cocaine was stolen from Harryman's apartment. Robinson and his co-defendants initially suspected that another person was involved in the theft. They forced that man into their car, where they questioned him and he was pistol-whipped by Robinson. It was during the course of these events that the conspirators learned that a co-worker of Harryman and a second individual were involved in the theft. Harryman, Robinson and others made several unsuccessful attempts to get the kilogram of cocaine back, which led to the arson.

Harryman, age 30, of Baltimore, was sentenced on April 10, 2008 to 211 months in prison on the same charges.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosive, the Baltimore County Police Department Arson Investigation Unit, and the Baltimore County Fire Department - Fire Investigation Division for their investigative work, and commended Assistant United States Attorneys A. David Copperthite and Solette Magnelli, who prosecuted the case.